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Minister of Foreign Trade on Soviet Policy in
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1. [redacted] on the appointment of Marshal
Konstantin Rokossovsky as Polish Minister of National Defense, Alexander
Barladeanu, Rumanian Minister of Foreign Trade remarked that Rokossovsky's
appointment will not be the only one made. He declared that the complete
direction of the Polish State would come under Soviet control. Barladeanu
added that 10,800 (sic) Polish Army officers will be purged and replaced
by men whom the Russians trust. In addition, "a large number" of Soviet
officers will be named to "important posts" in Poland.

2. While discussing the Rokossovsky appointment, Barladeanu remarked that the
turn of Czechoslovakia would come next, after which would come Rumania's
turn.

3. Alexander Barladeanu, whose true name is said to be Schwartzmann [redacted]

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During

his stay in the Soviet Union Barladeanu is said to have worked under
Vyshinsky in the Balkan Section, Political Direction of the Ministry (at
that time Commissariat) of Foreign Affairs. He is firmly convinced that
the Soviet policy will be successful and will result in the triumph of
Communism throughout the world.

4. At the present time Barladeanu goes three or four times each month to
Moscow for instructions and directions. He enjoys the confidence of the
Rumanians and does not occupy himself with intra-Party politics.

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